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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dave S. B. Hoon et al.

Serial No.: 10/713,808

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For: DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS  
OF MELANOMA AND BREAST  
CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED  
TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES  
BY MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE  
RT-PCR

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Sean E. Aeder

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 15, 2006 ("Office Action"), please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.